

Appl. No. 10/609,135
Amtd. dated February 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2005

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 are pending.

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement. The Examiner indicated that Invention I includes claims 1-7, which are drawn to a method of cleaning and preparing produce, classified in class 134, subclass 25.3. The Examiner indicated that Invention II includes claims 8-13, which are drawn to a system for cleaning and preparing produce, classified in class 134, subclass 131.

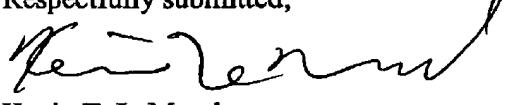
Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I, specifically, claims 1-7.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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